

Application No.: 09/809,524

Docket No.: 28341/6114.N

REMARKS

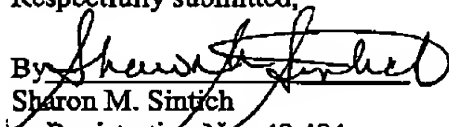
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that amended claims 6 and 7 did not provide a structural definition of the *ssaT*, *ssaC* and *ssaJ* genes. The lack of structural definition allegedly raises new issues that would require additional examination. While Applicants believe that the genus does not raise a need for further examination, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the instant claims, Applicants present the forgoing amendment to provide specific sequence identification numbers in the claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue additional subject matter from the genus in a continuing application.

Thus, amended claims 6 and 7 provide a structural definition of the recited genes. This amendment of the claims to add the SEQ ID NOs. does not add new matter to the application.

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment. As this amendment removes the outstanding rejections of the claims and places the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and to pass this application to allowance.

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